

"Suffering from wet groceries" is the polite name for drunk in Chicago.

Samuel Gossin lives at Girard, Pa., aged 90—almost old enough to be called a goose.

Will you take a lunch? is now rendered—Will you surround me nourishment?

The Mormon missionaries in Denmark made a thousand converts last year.

At Edwards Mine, on Lake Superior, February 23d, the thermometer stood at 59° below zero.

There are in the United States 653 Young Men's Christian Associations, with over 100,000 members.

San Domingo has voted by an overwhelming majority in favor of annexation to the United States.

Fond mamma—"And what would Johnny do if poor mamma were to die?" Johnny—"Eat up all the sugar."—*John.*

The rising of the Nile this year to a greater height than within living memory, has done \$40,000,000 damage.

A young ladies' seminary in Philadelphia has just graduated five 'Sallicies' and one 'Sadie,' but not one 'Sarah.'

Cologne Cathedral, which has been building for some six or eight hundred years, will be finished in 1880.

A New Orleans youth ate a box of Castle soap to remove freckles. It isn't known how he succeeded inside, but outside he remains the same.

Maryland has three hundred and seventy three square miles of oyster beds, ninety two of which are closely covered, and the rest scattering.

A Texas paper reports that ex-Confederate Postmaster General Reagan has written and published a letter in which he "approves of Radicalism in all its parts."

The question of sectarian schools

is extending much attention to New York, and a determined effort is being made to secure the repeal of the law dividing the school fund with the Catholics.

A widow at Des Moines, Iowa, argues that life insurance is the duty of all men. Her husband insured for \$20,000, which will set her second husband up in a first class grocery.

A member of the Brooklyn Woman's Club hit the nail squarely on the head a few evenings since, when she declared that one great duty of the women of the day is more justice and charity for each other.

The following epitaph is engraved on a tomb stone near Courtland, N. Y.:

"To allury friends I bid adieu:
A more sudden death you never knew.
As I was leading the old mare to drink,
She sneezed, and killed me quicker than a wink."

A colored man died recently in Brazil, at the age of 150. He could remember events occurring in 1730, two years before the birth of Washington.

In 1860 the census placed the total number of negroes in Kentucky at 236,167; in 1869 the State Auditor reports only 140,445 in the State.

The following is said to be a

sure cure for chilblains: Wash the feet clean in warm soft water; when dry, bathe them in a strong solution of copperas and rum. Any other liquor will answer but rum is better.

The *Western Rural* thinks the first thing to be seen to in setting an orchard or improving one already set, is to have the soil thoroughly drained. Drains may be made in the centre of the spaces between the rows.

Senator Nye carries in his pocket book a note from the late President Lincoln, written in pencil on the fly-leaf of a book, which runs as follows: "Dear General: Come

A few years ago Mrs. William H. Disbrow was the highest and most brilliant on the list of New York belles, and only 18 months ago she wore \$15,000 worth of diamonds. Two or three weeks ago she was buried by public charity.

An honest old darkey, whose expostulations of getting a forty-acre plantation and a domestic Jackass for voting the Radical ticket were entirely sincere, now goes back on his friends in this wise: "Dem carpet bagger! swallow 'em, dey tell us dar war pervision in de Constitution for we cullud folk."

but dat was a lie—dem pervisions didn't come. "Fore God, massa, I ain't seen de fust mouf!"

The approaching census, it is said will show a frightful decline in the rural districts of New England. The decrease of population in the country towns of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island is startling. The war made a deadly breach in the rural population, and since its close there has been a general exodus to the cheap lands of the south and west.
